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# H. R. 1483

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Single Standard of  
5       Aviation Safety Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SAFETY REGULATION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT**  
7       **AIRCRAFT.**

8       (a) APPLICATION OF FAA REQUIREMENTS TO CER-  
9       TAIN GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT.—Chapter 447 of title 49,

1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following new section:

3 **“§ 44725. Applicability to certain government aircraft**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(1) APPLICABILITY TO NONMILITARY GOVERN-  
6 MENT AIRCRAFT.—This chapter (including regula-  
7 tions issued to carry out this chapter) applies to a  
8 nonmilitary government aircraft in the same manner  
9 and to the same extent as this chapter would apply  
10 to such aircraft if such aircraft were owned or oper-  
11 ated by a nongovernmental entity.

12 “(2) APPLICABILITY TO MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
13 TRANSPORTING CIVILIANS.—This chapter (including  
14 regulations issued to carry out this chapter) applies  
15 to—

16 “(A) a military aircraft in the same man-  
17 ner and to the same extent as this chapter  
18 would apply to such aircraft if such aircraft  
19 were owned or operated by a nongovernmental  
20 entity—

21 “(i) if (as designated by the Secretary  
22 concerned) such aircraft is an aircraft that  
23 is primarily used for transportation; and

24 “(ii) if persons other than members of  
25 the armed forces on active duty are from

1                   time to time transported on such aircraft;  
2                   and

3                   “(B) a flight of military aircraft not cov-  
4                   ered by subparagraph (A) on which persons  
5                   other than members of the armed forces on ac-  
6                   tive duty are transported in the same manner  
7                   and to the same extent as this chapter would  
8                   apply to such flight if such aircraft were owned  
9                   or operated by a nongovernmental entity.

10           “(b) APPLICABILITY TO PERSONS OPERATING SUCH  
11 AIRCRAFT.—This chapter (including regulations issued to  
12 carry out this chapter) applies to any pilot, mechanic, or  
13 other person employed by a covered governmental entity  
14 (or assigned to duty by the armed forces) with respect to  
15 the operation of an aircraft covered by subsection (a) in  
16 the same manner and to the same extent as this chapter  
17 would apply to such person if such aircraft were owned  
18 or operated by a nongovernmental entity.

19           “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
20 definitions apply:

21                   “(1) COVERED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The  
22                   term ‘covered governmental entity’ means the United  
23                   States, the District of Columbia, any State or terri-  
24                   tory, and any unit of local government of a State or  
25                   territory.

1           “(2) **MILITARY AIRCRAFT.**—The term ‘military  
2       aircraft’ means an aircraft under the jurisdiction of  
3       the Secretary of a military department, or the Sec-  
4       retary of Transportation with respect to the Coast  
5       Guard when it is not operating as a service in the  
6       Navy.

7           “(3) **NONMILITARY GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT.**—  
8       The term ‘nonmilitary government aircraft’ means  
9       an aircraft other than a military aircraft that is  
10      owned or operated by a covered governmental en-  
11      tity.”.

12       (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
13   at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
14   at the end the following new item:

“44725. Applicability to certain government aircraft.”.

15   **SEC. 3. ACTION BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.**

16       The Secretary of Transportation shall take action as  
17   may be necessary to facilitate implementation of the  
18   amendments made by section 2 of this Act on January  
19   1, 2001, and thereafter.

20   **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21       The amendments made by section 2 of this Act shall  
22   take effect January 1, 2001.

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